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Two Elba Police Department officers earn certificate of completion for police academy

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department gained two new certified officers Tuesday, March 3, when candidates graduated from the Montgomery Police Academy.

Officers Frank Clark and Caleb Walden received their Certificate of Completion from the Montgomery Police Academy after successfully completing the curriculum for the 520-hour course in fundamentals of law enforcement.

"We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these two officers," said Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey. "Getting them back home and on patrol will be a big gain for our department. We look forward to having them help serve and protect our citizens here in Elba."

During Tuesday's graduation ceremonies in Montgomery, Officer Walden also was presented with the



Elba's newest certified police officers are officers Frank Clark (left) and Caleb Walden (right).

Award of Excellence in Firearms for his class. This was presented by the Alabama Advanced Criminal Justice Academy based on the Walden's outstanding merit and accomplishment during basic police training.

Upon returning to duty with the Elba Police Department, the officers will have some additional on-duty

field training. However, Hussey said this would be a big boost to the department having two additional certified officers back on duty.

"These young men and committed to serving others, and we are extremely happy to have them be a part of the Elba Police Department," Chief Hussey said.



Jodee Thompson sworn-in as new Coffee County Probate Judge

Enterprise lawyer Jodee Rowe Thompson accepted the oath of office Monday morning, March 2, to be the new Probate Judge for Coffee County. She fills the unexpired term of Judge Steven Blair, who officially retired Feb. 29th.

Thompson was appointed at the end of last week to fill the judgeship vacated by Blair, with the current term running through January 2025.

The oath of office was administered to Thompson by 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Jeff Kelley in his Enterprise courtroom. Thompson was joined by her family for the special occasion.

In the top photo, Thompson's husband, Greg, holds the Bible for her as she accepts the oath of office from Judge Kelley. In the photo to the right, Thompson's mother, Lin Rowe, assists her with putting on her judge's robe for the very first time.

CCBOE members vote to oppose possible school start date legislation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday night, Feb. 27, for a called meeting, and there were several matters on the agenda for board members to consider.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, the board approved a resolution opposing potential school start date legislation. Board chairman Brian McLeod said there is talk of potential legislation coming out of the current state legislative session for the school year start day to be after Labor Day and for the school year to end before Memorial Day each year.

Killingsworth explained this further. He said the potential legislation is coming from Alabama State Representative Steve Hurst, District 35, wanting the start date to be after Labor Day and for school to end before Memorial Day.

"As an educator, I don't know how he proposes that," Killingsworth said. "I believe it would be a detriment to our kids and our school system."

He said it is his understanding that Hurst's reasoning is to allow of age



Elba Rec plan 5K Run for March 14th

Put those running/walking shoes on and get ready for the "Commit to Health 5K" set for Saturday, March 14, at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba.

The Elba Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring this 5K Run/Walk as part of its ongoing efforts to promote healthy living among Elba's residents.

"This is a great way to take charge of your health by running or walking the course," said Elba Recreation director Greg Hanchey.

There also will be a 1-mile Fun Run for those interested in a shorter distance run than the 3.1-mile 5K.

Age divisions include 14 and Under; ages 15-19; ages 20-29; ages 30-39; ages 40-49; ages 50-59; ages 60-69; and ages 70 and over. Runner awards will include: trophy to Overall Male and Female; Medals for the top three male and female runners in each age division.

There will be water stations set up along the 5K route to help keep the participants hydrated!

Registration is \$25 [only \$20 if pre-registered]. This includes receiving an event t-shirt.

To pre-register, follow the instructions on the registration form, which can be located at <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AgDHa8YgPZingZJwnhCCXpA7N-bTxQ?e=ZlthCl>. On the day of the event [March 14th] registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the race begins at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Hanchey at (334) 897-6833 or Beverly Daniels-Hamilton at (334) 763-0814. More details also are available on event page for this 5K on Facebook.



Elba High School's Leighanne Sanders has been named the Region Winner of the Achievement Award for Class 1A Region 2 of the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program.

Elba High School senior named a Class 1A Region Winner in Achievement for Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Scholarship Program celebrates outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate hard work, determination and commitment that has led to success in sport and academics, and Elba High School proudly calls the Class 1A Region 2 Achievement Winner its own!

Elba High School senior Leighanne Sanders recently was named the Achievement Winner for Class 1A Region 2. She now will attend the 35th Annual Bryant-Jordan Awards Banquet set for Monday, April 13, at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala.

Sanders and the other region winners from across the state for all classes will be honored at the banquet and further scholarship announcements will be made.

"I really didn't expect to make it past the area," Sanders said regarding her region award. "I was like... yeah, I went through something hard, but others have gone through things harder than me. I was surprised but really thankful to be chosen."

The scholarship program was established by the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in partnership with the Alabama High School Athletic Association. It was built on the belief that education and athletics could work together to motivate young

people to excel.

Named after two Alabama sports legends - Paul "Bear" Bryant and Ralph "Shug" Jordan, the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program brings together the best and brightest high school senior student-athletes from 52 regions in Alabama awarding college scholarships to celebrate those achievements. The Bryant-Jordan Program honors students who are exceptional academically, as

well as those who have overcome major obstacles to succeed - the two major categories recognized are the Scholar-Athlete Award and the Achievement Award [which Sanders received for her region].

"Each school nominates an academic and achievement winner for the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship

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New Brockton Town Council helps with water need at town cemetery

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday night, March 2, for the regular monthly meeting, and council member Ralph Medley presided over the meeting due to Mayor Kathy Holley being unable to attend due to an illness.

The meeting was quite routine, but council members did approve a request to have a water meter installed at the town cemetery.

Town clerk Debbie Andrews explained there is a need to have water at the cemetery for watering the grass, being able to mix roundup on occasion to help eliminate weeds, etc.; however, there has not been water availability there. She said the volunteers overseeing the upkeep of the cemetery have had to transport water in the past to accom-

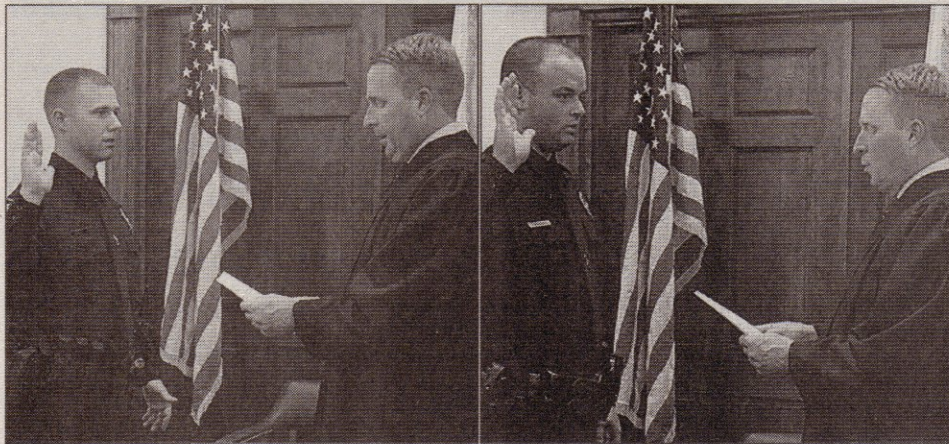
plish these and other things. Medley said the cost for installing the water meter would be \$457 and the minimum water bill for that meter would be \$18.19 each month for up to 2,000 gallons usage of water. The recommendation was for the town to pay these costs, and a like motion was approved with no opposition.

The council also approved a recommendation to accept a bid from Southern Software Inc. for the police department.

Police Chief Dale Grimes said this would allow police officers to complete their incident reports, etc. with the most up-to-date software. He said the program the department had been using for reports is being abandoned by the state and would soon no longer be available for use.

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ELBA ROTARY CLUB



COFFEE COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGE JOSH WILSON IS SHOWN ABOVE IN THESE PHOTOS ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF DUTY to Elba's newest certified police officers - (left) Officer Frank Clark and (right) Officer Caleb Walden. After graduating from the Police Academy on Tuesday morning, the two officers returned to Elba, and were officially sworn-in Tuesday afternoon to allow them to begin their service to the City of Elba. Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey was with the officers for their special ceremonies Tuesday, and he said he is happy to be added these two young men to the Elba Police force.

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SANDERS

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Program," said Elba City Schools' Susan Barnes. "We look at many components including the students' high academic standing, how many sports they play, community involvement and more. As someone who had to face a hardship in her life and overcome it, Leighanne won the achievement award, and she now has advanced out of the area to be the region winner."

Barnes said she remembers when Sanders came to Elba in about the eighth grade. She said she had been adopted and had lots to overcome, but she never let that deter her from being a successful student.

"When I was about age 10, I was put into foster care," Sanders said. "I was in foster care for about three years. In July of 2015, me and my other two sisters were adopted."

Her adopting mother was Linda Sanders, of Elba.

"Family wasn't really involved in my school stuff [prior to being adopted]," said Sanders. "I had to do a lot on my own when it came to school. I had to want it myself to make it happen."

Barnes said Sanders had always just been one of those students that showed

her desire to be successful in all that she did, and she made it happen. She said, to her, Leighanne, was the epitome of one deserving of the Bryant-Jordan Achievement Award.

"It is a very difficult process, so, you never know if your student will make it past the area," Barnes said. "We were elated to learn that Leighanne was named the Class 1A Region 2 Achievement Award winner. She is a very deserving of this honor."

In being named the Region winner, Sanders receives a \$3,000 scholarship from the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program.

At the April 13th banquet in Birmingham, the state class winners for the scholar athlete and achievement awards will be announced. In Class 1A, there are eight regions vying for this accolade.

Also, at the state level, Sanders will have the opportunity to apply for additional scholarships. She said she plans to apply for the United Methodist Children's Home Scholarship, which is an additional \$3,000 scholarship.

At Elba High School,

Sanders is a Peer Helper, played volleyball, is a member of HOSA, the Interact Club, the Yearbook staff and was manager of the Lady Tigers basketball team. This is all in addition to her taking advanced classes.

She also is very active at her church, Elba First Assembly of God, where she is the sound person for the youth group, is in charge of getting the weekly offering to the pastor, and she helps with children's church.

"We are very proud of Leighanne," Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes said. "She is an excellent student and leader, and we feel she is extremely deserving of this honor. It is not easy to advance this far in the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Program, and that in itself is great for Leighanne and our school."

While Leighanne said she is humbled to have been selected to represent Elba High School and Class 1A Region 2 at the state level, she hopes more than anything that her dedication to overcoming a hardship can let her be a role model to others that "your circumstances do not define you."

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Grimes also noted utilizing the Southern Software program would keep New Brockton in line with other local agencies already using the software.

The council unanimously approved the recommendation.

Looking at the financials for the month, Andrews said the general fund balance at the end of February was \$290,850.20. She said income for the month was \$71,314.41 and total expenses were \$55,774.67.

With it only being the second day of the month, Andrews said all the regular bills for March had not arrived yet; therefore, she pre-

sented an estimated cost for these bills [based on last month's figures]. Council members approved paying the estimated March bills in the amount of \$22,665.81.

The next New Brockton Town Council meeting will be Monday, April 6, at 6 p.m.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

EMMA GREEN

Ms. Emma Green, age 76, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently at her residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at Daleville Christian Fellowship with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Emma J. Green was born to R.J. Perkins and Ruby Nichols Perkins on Jan. 29, 1944 in Canton, Miss.

Emma was preceded in death by her parents, Ruby and Jimmie Lee Pratt Sr., and R.J. Perkins; brother, Jimmie Lee Pratt Jr.; sister, Mattie Pratt Reddick; and nephew, James Hillard Reddick III.

Survivors include her son: Dwayne Metcalf (Maria); sister: Delores Pratt; three aunts: Dorothy Boyd of Cleveland, Ohio, Willie Mae Palmer of Gary, Ind., and Willie C. Russell of Jackson, Miss.; uncle: Monroe Perkins, Jackson; four grandchildren: Candace Jackson (Stewart), Courtney Whitehurst, Britany May and Breann May; four great grandchildren: four nieces: Felecia Hankins (Steve), Jermaine Jones (Undray), Sharmaine Roberts (Marlin) and Ayesha Pratt; two friends for over 20 years: Linda Switzer and Betty Yeager; along with a host of cousins and other friends.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years: Darlene Brown, Elba; son: John Marcus (Monica) Brown, Elba; daughter: Connie (Jarvis) Wilson, Pensacola, Fla.; sisters: Willie Mearle Golden, Waterloo, NY, Emma (Richard) Clark, Columbus, Ohio; brother: David (Joan) Rowe, Corn- ing, NY; brothers-in-law: Donnie and Johnny Tillis, both of Elba, Larry Tillis, Brantley, Ala.; sisters-in-law: Dorothy Tillis, Brantley, and Christine Tillis; his loving grandchildren: Jahari Brown, Jamarus Brown, Jaiden Wilson, Monique Trice, Dominique Trice, Donique Muhammad and Ebonee (Tevin) McNair; along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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HUGHIE WILDON BRYAN JR.

Mr. Hughie Wildon Bryan Jr., age 74, a resident

of the Pine Level Community, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2020, at Crenshaw Community Hospital in Luverne, Ala.

Funeral services were held March 2, 2020 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Special music was provided by Judd Hold- erfield. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his daughter: Lisa (Kevin) Brown, Jack, Ala.; son: Chris (Nancy) Bryan, Brantley, Ala.; grand- daughters: Kadence Brown, Jack, Ala., and Tiff- any Bryan, Coffee Springs, Ala.; grandsons: Kavan Brown and James Bryan, both of Enterprise, Ala.; great-granddaughter: Adlin Bryan, Enterprise; great-grandsons: Kale Snellgrove, Enterprise, and Brent Bryan, Coffee Springs, Ala.; brother: Hubert Ray Bryan, Elba; sisters: Margaret (Paul) Powell, Andalusia, Ala.,

and Sandra (Joe) Prior, Elba.

JOHNNY MACK BROWN

Mr. Johnny Mack Brown, age 69, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29, 2020 at Coleman Funeral Home and Crematory of Elba.

He was born on June 5, 1950 in Elba to the late Cleveland and Vera Mae Brown. Johnny spent most of his life working at Dorsey Trailers and helping maintain the family farm.

Johnny was preceded in death by his brother, Ray Brown; sister-in-law, Brenda Brown; brother, Clarence Brown; sister, Dorothy White; brother-in-law, Joe White; granddaughter, Makayla Wilson; and nephew, Patrick Brooks.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years: Darlene Brown, Elba; son: John Marcus (Monica) Brown, Elba; daughter: Connie (Jarvis) Wilson, Pensacola, Fla.; sisters: Willie Mearle Golden, Waterloo, NY, Emma (Richard) Clark, Columbus, Ohio; brother: David (Joan) Rowe, Corn- ing, NY; brothers-in-law: Donnie and Johnny Tillis, both of Elba, Larry Tillis, Brantley, Ala.; sisters-in-law: Dorothy Tillis, Brantley, and Christine Tillis; his loving grandchildren: Jahari Brown, Jamarus Brown, Jaiden Wilson, Monique Trice, Dominique Trice, Donique Muhammad and Ebonee (Tevin) McNair; along with a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

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KEITH JONES

Mr. Keith Jones, age 58, a resident of the Goodman Community, died Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed



with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The family requested in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery fund, c/o State Bank & Trust Company, 206 E. Grubbs, Enterprise, AL 36330.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hilton Jones.

Survivors include his mother: Nellie Jones, brother: Glen Jones, and sister-in-law: Nancy Jones, all of the Goodman Community; his daughter: Wendy Jones, California; nephew: Chris (Molly) Jones, New Brockton, Ala.; niece: Michelle (Joseph) Seay, New Brockton; along with one grand-niece and two grand-nephews.

VERSIA MCRAE

Ms. Versia Mcrae, age 78, of Enterprise, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 21, 2020, at Flowers Hos- pital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29, 2020 at Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise direct- ing.

Versia Mae "Sweet" McRae was born on November 1, 1941 in rural Coffee County to the late Lucy McCloud and the late Will Flanning.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a daughter, Ophelia Sconiers.

Survivors include five children: Preston Flanning, Hayward Flanning, Michelle Searcy (Jerry), all of Enterprise, Allan Flanning (Starretta), Pell City, Ala., Melissa Cole (Theron), Springlake, NC; 18 grand- children, 36 great-grand- children, and four great great-grandchildren; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

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The Family of Mrs. Ruby Walker wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our mother.

RUBY WALKER FAMILY 1tpd

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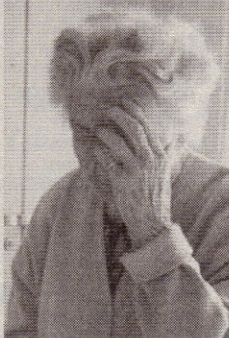
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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Tonia Lewis, Benevolence Counselor
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When something breaks or wears out, how many of us go and dig up something older and less functional as a replacement? Usually not. We are much more inclined to find something new and better than what we had before. Over the next four weeks we are going to examine some amazing Old Testament heroes. Then we will lace our thread through to the New Testament to see if we can find something new and better.

Let's begin with Abraham and his son Isaac. You see, in the days of the Old Testament, people sinned just like you and I do today. However, in order for their sins to be forgiven, they were required to sacrifice an animal. Well, God spoke to Abraham one day and instructed him to sacrifice his son, Isaac, instead of an animal. I'm quite sure that Abraham didn't jump for joy in excitement over this command. I feel certain that there was an internal battle raging in Abraham over doing what God told him to do and doing what he wanted to do. I can imagine the sleeplessness, tears and many questions that Abraham experienced. Yet, Abraham trusted God. He knew that whatever God had planned was the best plan imaginable. Abraham did just as God commanded. He headed out to the Alter of Sacrifice with his son and a knife. Isaac even asked his dad, "So, where is the animal that we are going to sacrifice." Abraham replied with, "God will provide." And He did. Isaac's life was spared when God provided a ram who was caught in some nearby bushes to be killed in Isaac's place.

Now, take your needle and thread and let's lace it through to the New Testament. Not much had changed since Abraham's day. People were still sinning just as you and I do today. God had a plan. . . a perfect plan. A plan to end the necessity of any other sacrifice. God's plan was named Jesus. God commanded Jesus to be the final sacrifice needed to cover the sin of all humans. As Abraham with Isaac, I'm sure that it hurt the heart of God to see His one and only Son hanging on that sacrificial cross. We know that there was agony involved. Jesus sweat drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane and begged His Daddy to not make Him have to go through what was inevitable. At one point while Jesus hung on the cross, God could not even look at His Son who was bearing all of ours. Nothing about this could have possibly been pleasant for God! But He loves me and He loves you THAT much!

So, Abraham was prepared to make an amazing sacrifice! Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his precious son is astounding. Heroic, don't you think? But God provided something new and FAR better. God provided a once and for all sacrifice in His precious Son, Jesus. Now, instead of you and I sacrificing an animal so that our sins can be forgiven, all we have to do is ask and it is done.

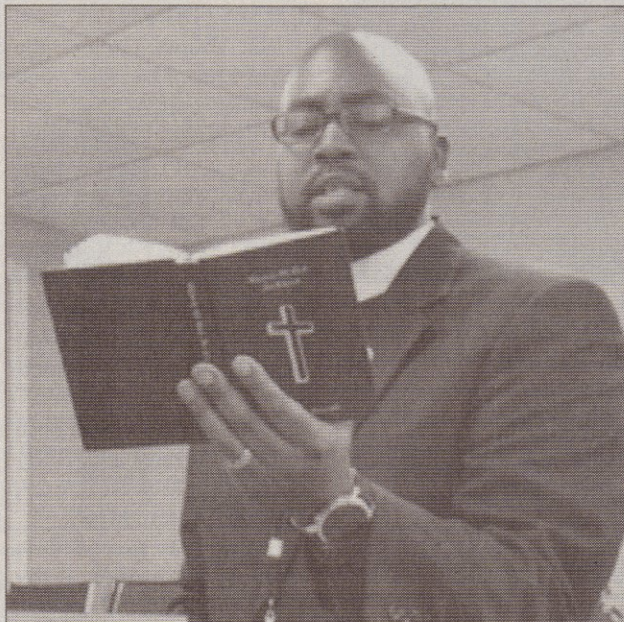
Jesus is our new and better Isaac. . . The Son sacrificed as "payment" for your sins yesterday, today and forever.

The Elba Ministerial Alliance

meets at Subway the first Thursday of each month at 8:30AM. If your church is not already a member we extend an invitation, we are also trying hard to build community relationships and would like to invite your nonprofit to come and tell us what you're doing.

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New Brockton native son, Jai Flowers, is the new pastor of Greater Holy Temple COGIC. He hopes to grow the church.

New pastor brings new energy to Greater Holy Temple GOGIC

Greater Holy Temple Church of God In Christ in New Brockton, Alabama is under the new leadership of native son, Pastor Jai Flowers.

"Our goal is to live the calling of Christ, as a people chosen to show His love," Pastor Flowers said.

He and his wife, Natasha, are hoping the church's new focus on outreach and community service will attract like-minded new members with a heart for serving beyond the walls of the church. According to Natasha, anyone seeking an opportunity to grow in the ministry and make an impact in the community will find opportunities to do so at GHT, the name members affectionately call the church.

"We are very small- so small in fact, we are still looking for musicians and worship team members,"

the pastor said.

The church has two upcoming events planned for the community. First, a Meet and Greet with free food and giveaways will be held Saturday, March 7, at the Dollar General in New Brockton on Hwy. 84 beginning at 10 a.m.

On Saturday, May 2, an old-fashioned May Day event will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church, located at 19973 Hwy. 84 in New Brockton. "We would love to have you join us," Pastor Flowers said. "We welcome you in worship and serving. We would love for you to come get to know our family."

On the second Sunday each month at 8 a.m., the church hosts its Fiery Morning Manna Worship Service, and it has traditional Sunday servCes on the 4th Sunday at 10 a.m.

Newbia Baptist Church plans Spring Revival services for March 22nd-24th

Newbia Baptist Church will host a Spring Revival from March 22nd – March 24th at the church, located at 3819 County Road 330, outside of Elba.

Brother Cliff Quincey, New Home Baptist Church of Enterprise, will be the guest speaker for the revival

services, which begin Sunday evening, March 22, at 6 p.m. and continue Monday evening, March 23, and Tuesday evening, March 24, at 7 p.m. these nights.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.

Round and About

with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The End of the Wicked and the Peace of the Godly. Psalm 52: 1-9

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March Birthdays / Anniversaries

Cheryl D. Faison 3/3
Dora Ann Jackson Byrd 3/4
Juanita B. Brooks 3/5
Warren Belcher 3/5
Grady Brooks 3/5
Rachel Terry 3/5 (in memory)
Denise Hardwick 3/5
Mary Nell McMillian 3/6
Stephanie Williams Moorer 3/6
Relly Rell 3/6
Justin Flowers 3/7
Amber Walker 3/7

** 48th Annual Session of the Mulberry Baptist District Laymen's Convention

will be held at the Mulberry Educational Building, Elba, on Friday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Sermon by Rev. Lovell Martin. Alternate will be Rev. John Lawrence. On Saturday, March 14, services begin at 9:30 a.m. with sermon by Rev. Windell Williams. The alternate is Rev. Shawn Mitchell. Everyone is invited.

** The 29th Anniversary Observance for Overseer Joe A Curry and Family

at Holy Tabernacle Church of Deliverance, 620 S. Cotton St., Andalusia, will be Sunday, March 15, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with speaker Elder Charlie Shephard and Church Family of Lumpkin, Ga. A 3 p.m. service will feature speaker Dr. Willie J. Curry, pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Andalusia. Lunch will be served after the morning service.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/27/20 - True or False

Q: God speaking through the Prophet Ezekiel, associated filthiness (impurity) with idol worship.

A: True [read Ezekiel 36: 25]

Q: When the people looked back on their evil ways, they would loathe themselves.

A: True [read Ezekiel 36:31]

Thought to Remember

Be an Encourager

Questions for the Week of 3/5/20 - Multiple Choice

Q: What type of grapes did Ezekiel mention in the Prophecy that the Lord condemned? (white), (sour), (seedless)

Q: What did this King do when he heard the words of the Law? (laughed), (took off his sandals), (tore his clothes)

Q: Where was the book of the covenant found? (House of the Lord), (Buried), (Bethel)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

CCBA set to host March 7th Mission Fair and Rally

The Coffee County Baptist Association will host a Mission Fair and Mission Rally this Saturday, March 7, at Hillcrest Baptist Church, 500 Alberta Street, Enterprise, Ala.

The Mission Fair will be at 4 p.m. with the Rally at 6 p.m. The Missions Fair will be a time for everyone to talk with missionaries from around the world and view displays from their time on the mission field.

Call (334) 894-6411 for more information.

Church Directory



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LIFE WAS THE
LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rokey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE

CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL ABE CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST

CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST

CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

CHURCH

Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METH-

ODIST

Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE

CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY

CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE

TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHOD-

IST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE

CHURCH OF GOD IN

CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD -

KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST

CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS

CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE

EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION

BAPTIST CHURCH

Wille L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHOD-

IST CHURCH

Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF

GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Winstead, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Ben Posey, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor

Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF

CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST

CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST

CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST

CHURCH

Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY

LIFESTYLES

2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show zooming March 21st into Elba

The 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show is set for Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the square in downtown Elba and is presented by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers.

Car registration will be from 8-10 a.m. There is a \$20 fee to enter the car

show, and all proceeds will benefit the Elba Public Library.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the car show — all makes and models of cars and trucks welcome!

There also will be arts and crafts exhibits on the square during the event.

For more information on the car show, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505. For more information regard arts and crafts exhibits, contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

There is no admission charge to attend. Come out and join in the fun for the day's activities.

Extension service bringing Alabama Watershed Stewards workshop to Enterprise on March 19

The Coffee County Extension Office announces registration for an Alabama Watershed Stewards One-Day Workshop set for Thursday, March 19, in Enterprise, Ala.

The workshop will be held at the Enterprise Farmers Market, 25 North Main Street, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost is \$25, which includes a handbook

and lunch. This workshop is approved for 0.6 CEU's from Auburn University.

The workshop will be a science-based educational overview of watershed systems and water quality protection tips. Also, attendees will connect to resources in their area and discover roles in local water projects.

For more information on the Alabama Watershed

Stewards program, visit www.aces.edu/aws.

Statewide partners for this upcoming workshop include the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Alabama Water Watch, AU Water Resources Center, and Alabama Department of Environmental Management. To register, visit <https://www.aub.ie/AWS>. For questions, contact Laura Bell, extension water program coordinator, by email at stewards@auburn.edu.

County's Republican Club meeting set for Monday, March 9th

The Coffee County Republican Club will meet Monday, March 9, at 6 p.m., at Po Folks Restaurant in Enterprise.

The meeting begins with social time (diners will order from the menu), and the program begins at 6:30. Guest speaker will be announced later.

Chairman Ed Foy will also review the March 3rd Primary Election results, provide information about any run-off elections, and discuss volunteer opportunities for Republican volunteers to be involved with the 2020 general election.

Everyone is invited—no reservations necessary. For more information, contact CCRC Chairman Ed Foy at 334-494-4663.



Diamond Rio band members include (left to right): Dan Truman, Jimmy Olander, Brian Prout, Marty Row, Dana Williams, and Gene Johnson.

Diamond Rio set to perform March 10th in Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Center Drugs & Home Health will present Diamond Rio in concert Tuesday, March 10, at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Diamond Rio is an American country music band that plays a hybrid of modern country, traditional bluegrass (especially in the harmony singing), and a hint of rock and roll. Later works are influenced by Christian country and country pop.

Hits include "Norma Jean Riley", "God Only Cries",

"Mama Don't Forget to Pray for Me", "Meet in the Middle", "How Your Love Makes Me Feel", "One More Day", and "I Believe".

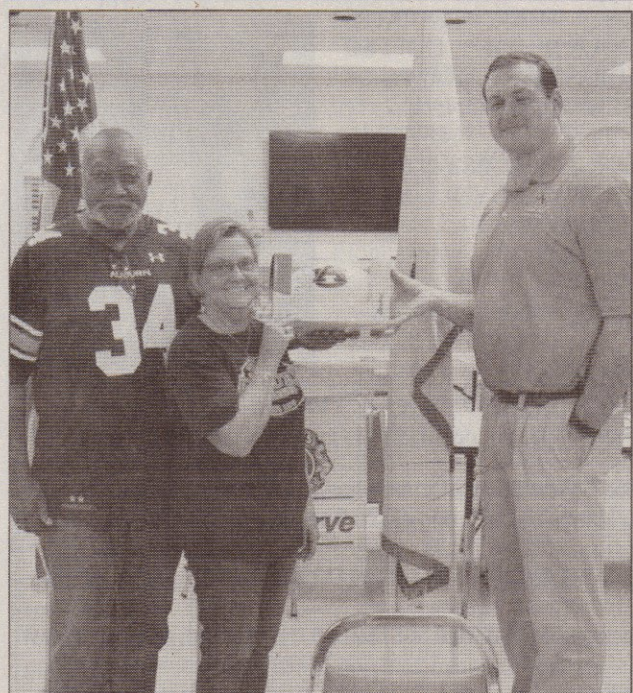
For tickets or information, visit the website at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com or call (334) 406-2787. Individual tickets purchased in advance are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; purchased at the event, tickets will be \$35 for adults and \$10 for students.

Tickets also can be purchased at David's Westgate Beauty Salon and Redbrick Pizza in Enterprise.

The 2019-2020 season is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Emmett T. Brunson.

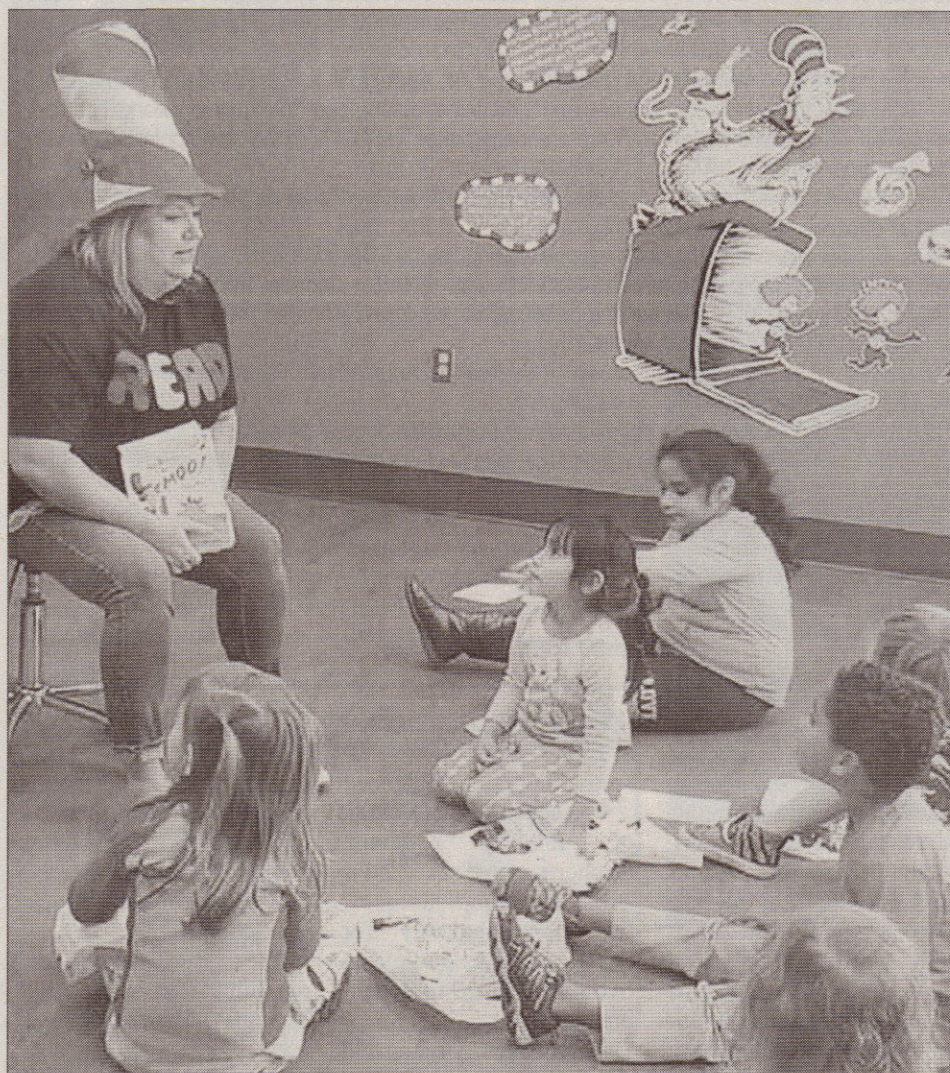
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The Elba Lions Club is raffling off a signed Auburn Tiger football. Ticket sales start on Saturday, March 7 (at the club's annual pancake breakfast), and the winner will be announced on April 28th. Above LC Cook, Rhonda Smith and Gavin Mauldin show off the grand prize 'War Eagle' football that will be awarded to a lucky ticket holder. All proceeds go to Lion's Club projects such as their long standing program to collect used eye glasses, repair and furnish them to those in need.

Elba Public Library hosts Dr. Seuss birthday party Monday, March 2nd



The Elba Public Library hosted a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Monday afternoon, March 2, and there were many activities planned for youngsters in attendance.

In the photo to the left, Elba Library director Jennifer Amlong shares a Dr. Seuss book with the very intrigued children.

Below, the kids were all smiles over the *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* activity the library staff had planned for them.



**Lifestyles
News
is Due
on
Monday!**

The meeting will be held at the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama Tribal Office, located at 64 Private Road 1312, Elba, Ala. [GPS directions - 2950 County Road 377, Elba].

All attending are asked to bring a covered dish, but do not bring anything with corn.

The meeting's discussion will include: Grants Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Community

Service Block Grant (CSBG), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and others, Berry Festival, Educational Cultural Event (Pow Wow), and Federal recognition.

United States Census Tee shirts will be distributed while supplies last.

Attendance is highly recommended to understand the future of the Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Coffee County Highway Department

Laborer

Job Description: Provide general labor and support for road maintenance and repair and other various duties. No Experience Required. Qualifications: Valid Driver's License, must be physically fit to handle various flagman tasks and other duties. Requires standing for long periods. Fringe Benefits: Paid vacation, sick leave, health insurance, holidays, and State retirement. Starting Salary is \$9.18 per hour. Closing Date: Until position is filled.

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Coffee County Highway Department

Mechanic

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in that proposed calendar,

had 25 school days sched-

uled prior to Labor Day -

22 student days and three

professional development

days for the staff.

There are 28 days of holi-

days worked into the calen-

dar, the superintendent said,

and at least two of those

holidays are mandated holi-

days.

Taking all that into con-

sideration, Killingsworth

said he did not see how

schools could adhere to a

required school start date

after Labor Day and end

day before Memorial Day

without having to extend

the school day by a couple

of hours.

"This could mean, espe-

cially in the winter months,

that students riding the bus

do not get home before

dark," Killingsworth said.

"And, you take in consid-

eration a longer school day

with extra-curricular activ-

ities after that, and I don't

see how the students can get

it all in."

Board members voted

unanimously to approve the

resolution opposing the

school start date legislation.

The meeting also had

board members approving a

resolution recommending a

"No" vote on Amendment

One during the Tuesday,

March 3, Primary elections.

Board members author-

ized a resolution for the

School Tax Warrant Series

2020, which was the last of

several resolutions to be

passed allowing for a multi-

million dollar bond issue to

finance several capital im-

provement projects for the

school system.

Chairman McLeod

thanked the central office

staff for all the work done to

prepare for the bond issue

on Friday, Feb. 28th. He

said this would be the

largest bond issue in the

systems history as far as he

knew.

Several personnel matters

recommended by the super-

intendent and approved by

the board included:

• Accept the retirement of

Michael Herrington, teacher

at Zion Chapel School, ef-

fective April 1, 2020;

• Accept the resignation of

Taylor Hatcher, teacher

at New Brockton Element-

ary School, effective Feb.

24, 2020;

• Accept the resignation

of Aimee Sanders, teacher

at Zion Chapel School, ef-

fective March 6, 2020;

• Accept the resignation of

Jennifer Graham,

teacher/coach at New

Brockton High School, ef-

fective immediately for

coaching duties and effec-

tive June 1, 2020 for teach-

ing duties;

• Approved a requested

transfer of Tony Ivey as a

bus driver for New Brock-

ton Schools to bus driver for

Zion Chapel School; and

• Approved the employ-

ment of Jeanette Boley as a

bus driver for New Brock-

ton Schools.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

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Deceased.

CASE NO: PC 2020-005

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Murphree, who departed

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Janet M. Hill, Co-Executrix

of the Estate

of Leon Boyd Murphree,

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Elementary School held its annual 'Book Fair' at the school library last week and our grandson Lawson brought home lots of books and experiments to enjoy at the house. He will read all the books and do the experiments in just a matter of days, and then move on to something new as he absorbs all he can at his early age.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers bounced back* from a season opening loss to post two impressive wins on the baseball diamond last week and appear ready to make a serious run at the post-season. The Tigers banged the ball all over the field in both wins and displayed depth on the mound that has been missing in recent years. I know that two wins don't make a season, but two early-season wins do give the Tigers a boost of confidence and should propel them on to many more wins.

*** *It was an active week for teams in the area* in both baseball and softball as teams gave their fans a preview of things to come. In baseball, the Brantley Bulldogs are off and running as they look to make it back to the state finals, while New Brockton and Kinston have both shown moments of excellence and Zion Chapel is obviously much improved. Over on the softball field, the Brantley Lady Bulldogs opened their season with a big win and looked just as impressive as ever, while Kinston dropped its opener to 3A Slocumb, but did look impressive, and New Brockton and Zion Chapel are both still young, but talented, and should get their share of wins/

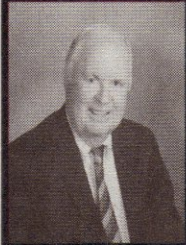
*** *I haven't had a chance* to talk with the new Elba Tiger football coach, but I have talked with lots of other folks that know him and they are unanimous in their beliefs that Elba got the right man for the job. They insisted the fact the coach has never been a head coach at the high school level would be no problem, and actually got me a little fired up. I hope to sit down and talk with him in the coming days and get to figure out what makes the new Tiger head coach tick.

*** *In closing....* the fishing has really picked up at the Coffee County Lake as the bass have been tearing it up, the crappie are beginning to bite, and the bream are alive and well following a few weeks of rainy weather. If the sun will stay out it may be time to head out to the 'county pond' and wet a hook.

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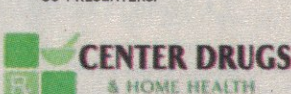
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In home opener

Elba Tigers slam Samson 9-4

The Elba Tigers hosted Samson last week in their home opener and gave their fans plenty to cheer about in an impressive 9-4 win.

John Martin Wilson singled to open the game for the Tigers in the bottom of the first inning, promptly stole second base and advanced to third on an infield out. Steven Swan drew a walk and quickly moved to second to out two Tigers in scoring position, and both raced home when Chanler Coppage delivered a two-run double to put Elba up 2-0 early.

The Elba bats were quiet in the next three innings and the Tigers carried the slim 2-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth. However, the Tigers came back alive at the plate in their half of the frame and plated five runs to open up a big 7-0 lead.

Whit Shehee reached with one out on a passed ball after a strike out to ignite the Elba rally, while Iverson Lane followed with a single and John Martin Wilson drew a base on balls to load the bases. A walk to Carson Wise forced in Shehee to push the lead to 3-0, and Steven Swan followed with a bases clearing triple to increase the Tigers lead to 6-0. Swan scored on an rbi single by Chanler Coppage, and after five innings Elba was in command with a 7-0 lead.

Iverson Lane led off the sixth with a walk to spark another Tiger rally, but after Carson Wise was hit by a pitch, the next batter struck out to put two outs on the scoreboard. Chanler Coppage continued to swing a hot bat; however, and drove in both base runners with a two-run single as Elba's lead grew to 9-0.

Samson combined three hits with three free passes in the top of the seventh to

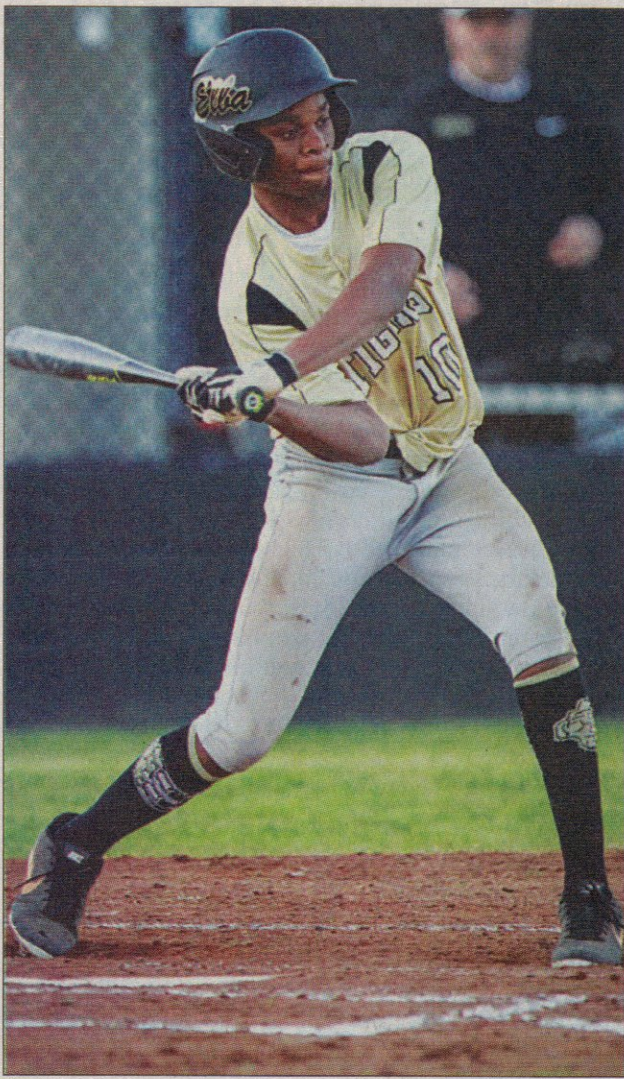
Elba Tiger JV sweep past
Samson for two big wins

The Elba Tiger junior varsity took the field twice last week against Samson and made the most of their time on the field as they posted a pair of wins.

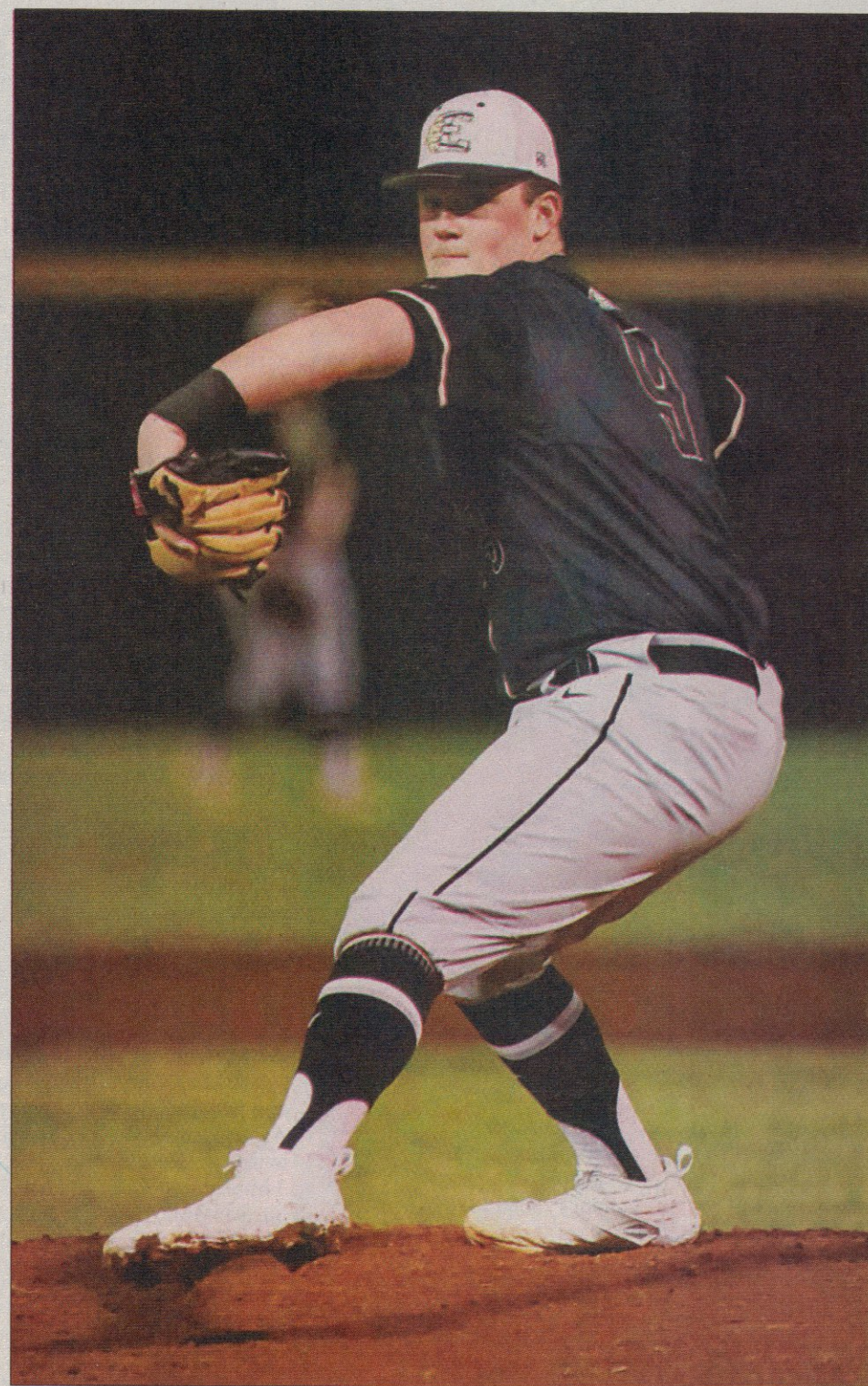
The Tigers hosted Samson in mid-week action and posted an exciting 4-3 win. Brady Johnson ripped an rbi double in the bottom of the first inning and later scored on a ground out to put the Tigers up 2-1, and Elba added two more runs in the third to stretch its lead to 4-1. The third inning runs were highlighted by base hits by JT Coleman and Dal-

ton Grantham, while Brady Johnson scored his second run of the game after drawing a base on balls.

The Tigers traveled to Samson on Saturday and scored five runs in their final at-bat to outscore the home team 8-5. Aaron Sewell had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while JT Coleman had 2 hits, scored 1 run and added 2 rbi's; Jonathan Mitchell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 run; and Colin Arnold added 2 hits and scored 1 run.



Elba JV Tiger JT Coleman prepares to collect a hit in last week's action against Samson.



Elba Tiger Chanler Coppage pitched a complete game and added 2 hits and 4 rbi's at the plate last week to spark the Tigers to an impressive 9-4 win over Samson.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

plate four runs, but Elba's lead was never in danger as the Tigers easily held on to claim the 9-4 win.

Chanler Coppage had 2 hits and knocked in 4 runs

to lead the Tigers at the plate and was also the winning pitcher, while Steven Swan added 1 hit, scored 2

runs and collected 3 rbi's, and Iverson Lane and John Martin Wilson both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

High School
** Baseball ** Softball **
SCHEDULESThursday, March 5
(Baseball)

Floral at Elba (DH)
Kinston at Pleasant Home
Brantley at Red Level
(Softball)
Elba at Highland Home
Goshen at Zion Chapel

Friday, March 6
(Baseball)

Elba at Floral
New Brockton at T.R. Miller
Zion Chapel, in Highland Home tournament
(Softball)
Elba, Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley, all in Wicksburg tournament

Saturday, March 7
(Baseball)

Zion Chapel, in Highland Home tournament
Brantley, in S'East Alabama tournament
(Softball)
Elba, Kinston, New Brockton and Brantley, all in Wicksburg tournament

Monday, March 9
(Baseball)

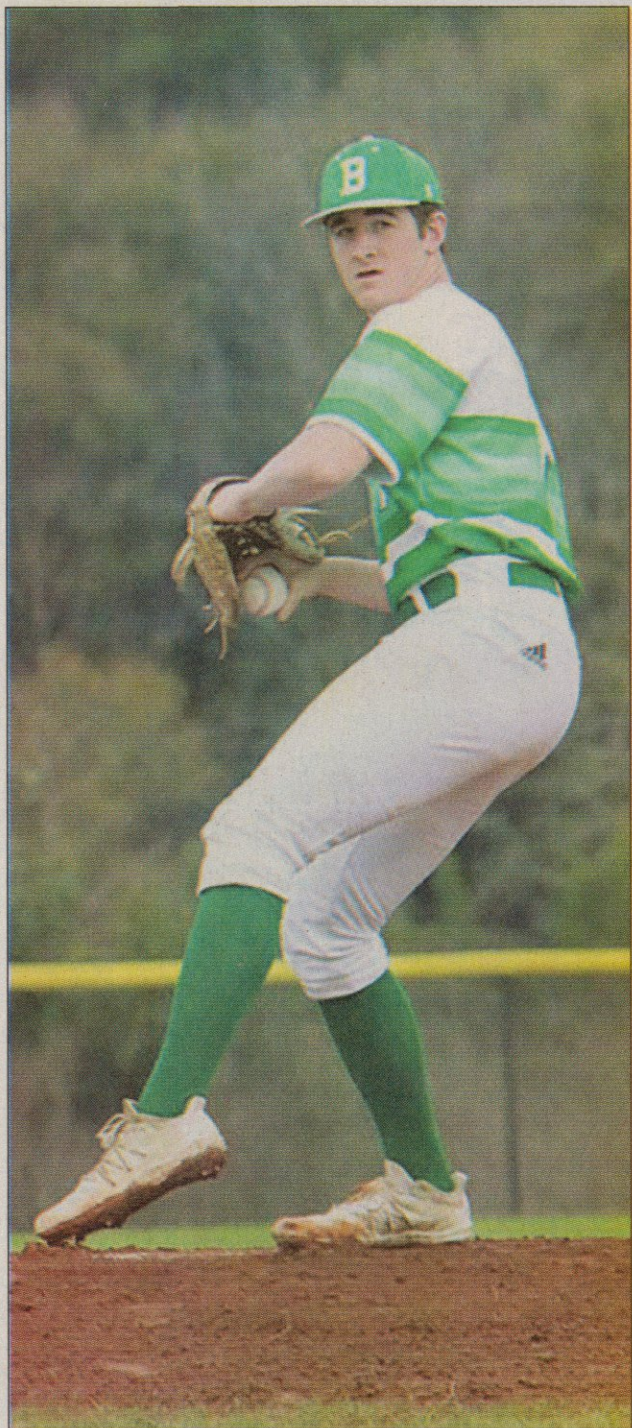
Daleville at New Brockton (DH)
(Softball)
Andalusia at Brantley

Tuesday, March 10
(Baseball)

Montgomery Academy at Brantley
(Softball)
Elba at Zion Chapel
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Wicksburg at Brantley

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Samuel Tompkins delivers a pitch in recent baseball action. Tompkins picked up two wins on the mound last week as the Bulldogs rolled to four wins.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

* Baseball * Softball
DIAMOND
NOTES

BASEBALL:

Brantley Bulldogs dump Goshen 12-2

The Brantley Bulldogs used an 8-run fourth inning to take the lead and never looked back in a 12-2 win over the Goshen Eagles. Tucker Kilcrease had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Lucas Richardson and Samuel Tompkins both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 1 rbi, and Dalton Daniels and Grant Odom both ripped a double. Tompkins was the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings, allowed 2 hits and recorded 11 strikeouts.

Brantley Bulldogs cage Bobcats 6-4

The Brantley Bulldogs used a 4-run third inning to take the lead and held on to knock off the Opp Bobcats 6-4. Tucker Kilcrease and Carson Jones both had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and added 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Jack Kennedy added 2 hits and knocked in 2 runs. Samuel Tompkins was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings, allowed one hit and struck out five.

Kinston Bulldogs rout Eagles 12-2

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to rout the Pleasant Home Eagles 12-2. Owen Patterson had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Cale Sumblin added 2 hits, scored 1 run and added 2 rbi's, and Colby Copeland added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and added 2 rbi's. Sumblin was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings, allowed two hits and struck out 14 Eagles.

Zion Chapel clobbers Kinston 16-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored 8 runs in both the third and fifth innings to coast past the Kinston Bulldogs 16-0. Austin Johns had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Brayden Watson added 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's, Nate Braisted added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's, and Ben Hutchinson added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's. Braisted was the winning pitcher as he tossed five innings, allowed only one hit and struck out 8 Bulldog batters. Colby Copeland had the lone Kinston hit.

Kinston Bulldogs dump Daleville 20-3

The Kinston Bulldogs scored in every inning and combined 9 hits with 12 walks to dump the Daleville Warhawks. Cale Sumblin had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 4 runs with a triple and a home run to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Blayne Moore added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and added 3 rbi's; Jason Mikel added 1 hit and scored 2; and Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and knocked in 4 runs. Hunter Hughes was the winning pitcher as he tossed 3 and 2/3 innings, allowed 5 hits and struck out seven.

Brantley Bulldogs dump Luverne 12-6

The Brantley Bulldogs jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and held on to down the Luverne Tigers 12-6. Lucas Richardson had 1 hit, scored 3 runs and collected 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Grant Odom added 1 hit and 2 rbi's; Samuel Tompkins added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and added 1 rbi; Adam Carlisle added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and Dalton Daniels added 1 hit, scored 1 run and added 1 rbi. Dillon Smith was the winning pitcher in relief as he tossed two innings, allowed three hits and recorded one strikeout.

Brockton Gamecocks cage Eagles 16-2

The New Brockton Gamecocks exploded for 10 runs in the sixth inning to pull away in a 16-2 win over the Carroll Eagles. Andrew Cashin had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, and was also the winning pitcher as he tossed four innings, allowed no hits and struck out nine Eagle batters. Clay Cotney added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi, and Ethan Stinson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs.

New Brockton pounded by Bibb 16-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 13-0 early and never challenged in a 16-1 loss to Bibb County. Kaden Cupp had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Andrew Cashin, Ethan Stinson and Garrett Zorn all added 1 hit.

SOFTBALL:

Lady Bulldogs ground Squadron 16-1

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pounded out 17 hits in an impressive 16-1 romp past the Highland Home Lady Squadron. Kayden Dunn had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and collected 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs at the plate, while Ainsley Watts added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and added 1 rbi; Elleigh Layton added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and added 5 rbi's; Anna Kimbro added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and added 2 rbi's; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; Emory Bush added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; and Sheonte Barginere added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's. Lauren Hudson got the win inside the circle as she tossed four innings, allowed one hit and recorded nine strikeouts.



READY TO RUN... A Brantley Bulldog base runner watches a pitch as he gets ready to run in a recent Bulldog win.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

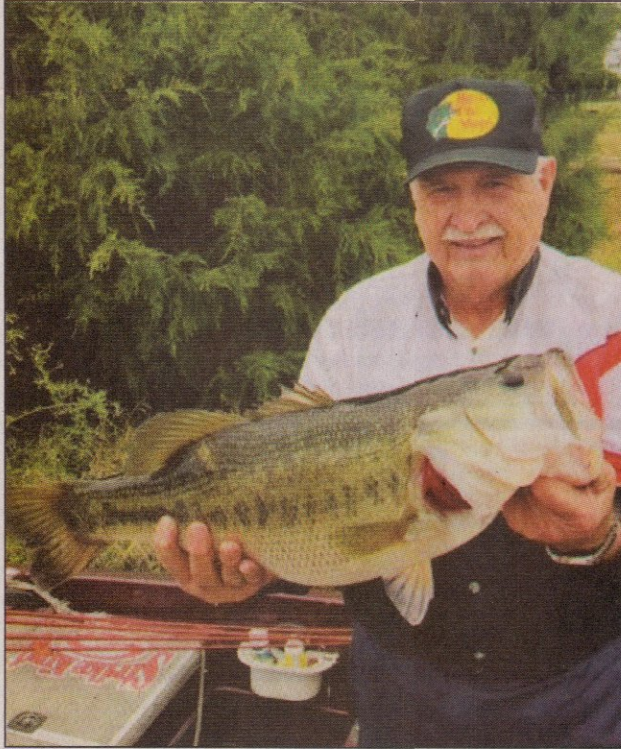
Spotlight on the
OUTDOORS



CALVIN FLOWERS caught this 8-pound catfish last week while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. He was using chicken liver for bait.



BEN RAYBORN caught these six crappie that weighed in at just over 9 pounds last week while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. He caught the fish using red worms as bait.



JOHN CRITTENDEN caught this 8-pound bass last week while fishing at the Coffee County Lake. Crittenden reported it took over four minutes to turn the bass before he was able to bring it into the boat. The Coffee County Lake is open Wednesday through Sunday from sun'up until sun-down and has a fully stocked bait shop for all fishermen.

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